

SAFELY LANDED

The Steamship *Missouri*, with 465 Danes rescued from the sinking *Danmark*, arrived at Philadelphia at 10:30 a. m. Friday, April 25, at the residence of Captain Murrill's Story.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—The steamship *Missouri*, with 305 of the people from the wrecked steamer *Danmark*, arrived at the American Line Steamship Company's dock here at 10:30 a. m. Friday morning. All of the *Danmark*'s passengers looked hearty and bright, and showed signs of the hardships which they must necessarily have endured. General Passenger Agent John R. Egan of the Shipping Office came from New York to make provisions for the comfort of the people from the unfortunate *Danmark*. He said that all would be taken to their destination from this city and satisfactory arrangements could be made. Nearly all the emigrants are bound for points in the West.

Captain Hamilton Murrill, commander of the *Missouri*, made the following statement:

"We left London with a general cargo for our first trip to Philadelphia on March 28. We had fair passage up to 1:30 p. m. of April 6, when we sighted the steamship *Danmark* lying at anchor off the Delaware River. At that time the wind was blowing strong from the west. We bore down on the steamer and within half an hour we were alongside. The *Danmark*'s commander, reported that the vessel's boiler was broken and he wished me to take the passengers to New York. Owing to the state of the weather, it was impossible for me to do as I was not prepared to accommodate such a number of people I declined to accede to his request, and offered instead to give him the use of the *Missouri* for the night. The offer was accepted, and at 8:30 p. m. or two after we first sighted the *Danmark* we were alongside her. The *Danmark*'s commander proceeded slowly, turning to the sea and wind, and heading northwest for St. Johns, N. F., which was considered the best port to make for in the present circumstances. The wind blew with tremendous force all night and progress was very difficult. On April 6, at 5:30 a. m., finding that I could make no headway in a westward direction, I decided to turn back and decided to abandon my hope of reaching St. Johns, and determined to make for St. Michaels. At 6:30 a. m. the *Danmark*'s commander signalled my determination to the captain of the *Danmark* and he agreed that this was the best course to pursue, and one hour later we were alongside the *Danmark*. At 7:30 a. m. the *Danmark* signalled to us: 'We are making considerably, there is now three feet of water in the aft-hold, and it is gaining rapidly.' We then saw that she would do, and the signal came: 'Keep on towing.'

"At 9:30 a. m. the *Danmark* again signalled to us: 'Keep on towing.' The signal read: 'The *Danmark* is sinking; we must abandon her.' 'If you take our passengers?' Without a moment's hesitation I signalled back: 'Yes, I will take them.' At 10:30 a. m. the *Danmark* signalled to us: 'We are sinking; we must abandon her.' I then cut out of the towline and we dropped down to the *Danmark*.

"At 8:30 a. m. we launched our two lifeboats, and then to Captain *Danmark*'s aid, and these two boats proceeded to the *Danmark*. In the meantime seven of the *Danmark*'s steamer's boats were manned by the *Danmark*'s crew and the work of transferring the passengers began.

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